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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Margaret Miller returned to her home in Oskaloosa today after visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Alice Self, 513 Wabash avenue, has gone to Des Moines where she will make her home.

S. A. Rexford of Chicago is visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. L. Phelps, 306 West Maple avenue.

Mrs. J. B. Burton of Galesburg, Ill., is visiting Mrs. A. E. Graves, 817 North Fifth street.

Mrs. W. H. Burgess and daughter, Ethel, of near Chillicothe, were visitors in Ottumwa Wednesday.

Rev. T. J. Myers of Mt. Pleasant returned to Agency Wednesday after a short stay in the city.

Mrs. Raymond Myers and Mrs. R. G. Burling of Osceola were visitors in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Pettijohn, 103 Cherry street, left Wednesday for Charleston where they will spend a week with relatives.

Mrs. A. Brennan of Monmouth, Ill., and Mrs. J. Vaughn of Marysville, Mo., are visiting with Mrs. D. Shuckrow, 917 Locust street.

Miss Isal Judd, 302 South Adella street, has gone to Kewanee, Ill., for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Judd.

Mrs. Harry Shreeves, 122 North Davis street, has returned from a two weeks' visit at the home of her uncle, Fred Shreeves, at Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. H. N. McElroy, seven miles north of the city, was called to morning to Greenfield, Ohio, by the death of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Duncan.

Mrs. D. H. Pangburn, 301 South Moore street, returned from Oskaloosa Wednesday where she visited her sister, Miss Minnie Miller.

Benjamin Gallagher, Bruce Mellis and Brainerd Covert have returned to Parsons college at Fairfield after attending the Presbyterian meeting at the First Presbyterian church.

ALBIA GIRL ENTERS CHAUTAUQUA WORK

Albia, April 14.—Bernice Quarten has signed a contract for a ten weeks' chautauqua work will be almost entirely solo work in costume. The itinerary will be in the southern states. Bernice will leave the last of May with the best wishes of her many friends for success and renown.

GRINNELL STUDENT GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Grinnell, April 14.—Fred Little, of Prairie City and member of the graduating class at Grinnell this year, has been awarded one of the Perkins honor scholarships at Harvard university and will attend the law school at Harvard next year. His scholarship carries with it an income of \$300 and is granted for one year.

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\$1.00 boys' long pants that wear, special 74c

THE FAIR
118 East Main St.

Young People's Religious World

(By William T. Ellis)

TERSE COMMENTS ON THE UNIFORM PRAYER MEETING TOPIC OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

PIETY PLUS PLANS.

Terse Comments on the Uniform Prayer Meeting Topic of the Young People's Societies, Christian Endeavor, etc., for April 16: "Good Prayer Meetings and How to Have Them Always." Acts 12:1-17.

(By William T. Ellis.)

Tens of thousands of prayer meetings are held every week by young people's societies in all parts of the land. These are a tremendous educational and inspirational force. Politicians and publicists know little about them. They shape ideals and characters. They promote social and Christian solidarity. In them young people learn how to work and to speak and to pray. These weekly meetings of the young people's societies are a real force in the nation's life.

Now good meetings do not "happen." They are the effect of causes. And these causes are not mysterious and undiscoverable. The laws of a good prayer meeting are simple and easily ascertainable. Find out what makes meetings successful and then comply with the conditions.

Often people pray and speak at prayer meetings as if there were merit in having only "two or three" present. The new testament prayer meeting brought down the fire was a gathering of the whole church. That meeting on which the present topic is based was with a large company of people assembled. A proper step toward better meetings is to make them larger. The greater the number of sticks, the brighter the fire.

A good prayer meeting is one that does good. It makes people better. Hearts are warmed and mellowed.

sympathies are stirred and new aspirations after righteousness are quickened. Life's real values are seen more clearly in the light of a devotional service. Eternal goals are accepted as the only worthy ones. Love and truth and duty shine supreme in a gathering about the altar of prayer. Faith is fortified, piety is purified and hope is glorified by the fellowship of Christians in a service of worship and communion.

It is passing strange that so few prayer meetings are seriously planned. As a rule, the leader's preparation is confined to his own remarks instead of to the conduct of the meeting. Methods for maintaining meetings, with diversity and interest, are really common. Inexpensive books upon the subject may be obtained from denominational book stores and from the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston. A world of experience has been crowded between covers. Why not utilize it?

Above all other requisites for a good prayer meeting is prayer. Clever speeches cannot make a good meeting. Nor fine music. Nor yet a variety of forms of participation. Before all and under all and above all there must be prayer—sincere, continued, repeated prayer. It is possible to have great prayer meetings without fine speeches or music, so long as there is the earnest prayer of devoted hearts. Every periodical prayer meeting would be the better for devoting an occasional session exclusively to prayer, prayers spoken and prayers sung; concert prayers and sentence prayers; prayers from scripture and prayers from the ancient liturgies of the church. "With prayer, or not at all, is a motto of the laymen's movement."

DAVIS CO. WOMEN NAME CHAIRMEN

OPENING OF BLOOMFIELD SURFRAGE HEADQUARTERS SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS.

Bloomfield, April 13.—The opening of suffrage headquarters in Bloomfield surpassed expectations of all. The room in the Taylor opera house, cleaned up, the walls frescoed, rugs, easy chairs and other equipment make the place homey and restful. About seventy-five ladies from town and county slipped tea and talked votes for women. Mrs. H. C. Taylor county chairman with Mrs. H. L. Sprowles, headquarters chairman, sponsored the splendid committee which presided.

Encouraging reports were heard, among them the finance, publicity, literature and headquarters. Township chairmen so far appointed:

Cleveland—Mrs. Joe Ford; Mrs. Ephram Young.

Perry—Mrs. O. S. Reed, Mrs. Will Monroe.

Grove—Mrs. John Shook, Mrs. Ben Schlager.

Swamp Creek—Mrs. Ira Swinney, Mrs. Henry Baker.

Town of Belknap—Mrs. J. T. Munn, Mrs. Thomas Welch.

Perry—Mrs. Orrin Reed, Mrs. Will Monroe.

School district chairmen—

Shunam—Mrs. J. M. Lain, Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson.

Center—Mrs. Bruce Richardson, Mrs. Harry Hathaway.

Kinney—Mrs. Guy Evans.

T. X. L.—Mrs. Geo. Pearce, Mrs. Roy Denny.

Benton—Mrs. Sherman Grant, Mrs. Del Bollman.

Stark—Yet to be appointed.

Grove township chairmen—Mrs. Jno. Shook, Mrs. Ben Schlager.

School district chairmen—

Wyandah—Mrs. John Shook.

Pleasant View—Mrs. Ben Schlager.

Fairview—Mrs. Dan Widmer, Miss Erma Hartzler.

Reulah—Mrs. Icie Van Horn.

Center—Miss Joyce Baughman.

Burr Oak—Glen Van Horn.

Newman—Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. John Putman.

Stiles—Mrs. John Collins.

Cleveland township chairmen—Mrs. Joe Ford, Mrs. Ephram Young.

School district chairmen—

Putman—Mrs. Homer Grant, Mrs. D. Goad.

Swamp Angel—Mrs. John Dunfrend.

Miss Katie Shelton.

Stauben—Miss Myrtle Rominger.

Mrs. Ralph Jones.

Starr—Mrs. E. Young, Mrs. Joe Ford.

Ham, Hawkeye, Comack and Cross Roads yet to be appointed.

HEDRICK.

Earl Matthews arrived home from a visit in Des Moines and Grinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Day drove to Ottumwa Tuesday.

Edward Mowery arrived home from Texas Friday where he has been spending the winter.

Vane Smithard disposed of his restaurant to Mr. Rose of What Cheer.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundin of Clemons were the guests of the A. J. Anderson home last week.

Mrs. W. N. Knight visited in Hayessville Monday.

David Halferty of Ollie was in Hedrick Monday.

Mrs. J. Lamb came home Tuesday for a visit in Ollie with her daughter Mrs. B. L. Brady.

Max Sinclair arrived home from Kansas City Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Clossen of Ollie is visiting relatives here.

L. W. Knight and wife of Hayessville were guests at the Chas. Wilkins home Sunday.

Robert Braden will dispose of his household goods and expects to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Braden in the Ottumwa hospital where she is suffering with a broken hip, received last winter by falling on the ice.

A. J. Anderson is at Richland doing manual work.

IOWA PEOPLE FAIL TO RESPECT FLAG

LAW REQUIRES THAT STARS AND STRIPES FLOAT OVER ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Des Moines, April 13.—Flags should float from every public building in Iowa every secular day being put up in the morning and taken down each evening. This is the Iowa law and it has been shamelessly overlooked in the opinion of Adj. Gen. Guy M. Logan.

There has been some dispute as to whether or not there was a law on the statute books with reference to raising the flags over public buildings. A party wrote in to General Logan from a county seat town saying a new court house had been built there and no flag staff provided. He wanted to know what the Iowa law was with reference to this.

The Law Is Plain. General Logan took the matter up with C. A. Robbins, assistant attorney general and Attorney Robbins pointed out the following law:

"That it shall be the duty of the custodian of all public buildings of the state of Iowa to raise over such buildings the flag of the United States of America, upon each secular day when weather conditions are favorable and it shall be the duty of any board of public officers charged with the duty of providing for the supplies of any public building to provide in connection with other supplies for any such building of the state of Iowa a suitable flag for the purposes herein provided.

Attorney Robbins in ruling on this question says: "In my judgment the term 'public building' as made use of in this section would include all state buildings, all county buildings such as court houses, and all city buildings such as city hall, public libraries and the like but would not include any building in which the United States postoffice may be located."

Not Left Up Over Night. General Logan requires the raising of a flag over the state house every secular day of the week. This is put up each morning and taken down each evening. He says it is a serious lack of respect to leave the flag up over night. From now on a flag is to be kept flying over the historical building every secular day.

Members of the state board of control said that at some of the state institution buildings flags were kept flying but not at all of them and that they would be glad to see that the rule was enforced at all of the state institution buildings.

It was stated by some of the officials that everywhere in Canada the English flag is displayed and it has always been so in times of peace as well as in times of war.

PAPERS ARE FILED FOR NOMINATIONS

The first nomination papers for the June primary to be filed with the county auditor are those of Floyd Orr and Dr. W. B. Stoker. Mr. Orr has filed his papers for the office of clerk of the district court on the republican ticket and Dr. Stoker will be a candidate for coroner on the same ticket.

CHARITON.

Mrs. Phil Hahn, of Sigourney, came yesterday for a visit with her son, Earl Hahn and family.

Mrs. T. J. Allen, of Woodburn, visited in this city yesterday with Mrs. W. H. Snedaker.

Miss Minnie Lemonds, of Lovilla, came yesterday for a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. Lemonds.

Mrs. Rachel Darlington, of Woodburn is spending a few days in this city with her sister, Mrs. Laurel Boss.

Mrs. J. T. Evans spent the day yesterday with relatives in Lucas where she formerly resided.

SENSES OF BLIND NOT EXTRA KEEN

DEAN SEASHORE SAYS SEEING PERSONS USE TOUCH AND HEARING JUST AS WELL.

Iowa City, April 13.—It is generally assumed that the blind are keener in hearing and touch than seeing persons are. Many marvel at the performances of the blind who walk about guiding themselves without use of the eyes; many wonder at the blind person reading his raised print with his finger tips nearly as rapidly as the normal person reads with his eyes.

Experiments extending over several years have convinced Dr. C. E. Seashore, head of the department of psychology at the University of Iowa, that the common belief is in error, that the seeing person has the same capacity for extraordinary use of touch and hearing as the blind, the only difference being that he does not find it necessary to exercise that capacity.

Research students in psychology have made careful tests which prove that the seeing person can use his touch and hearing just as delicately when occasion arises as does the blind person and that these senses become no more acute with constant practice. It even appears that they do not improve with age.

What is commonly considered the superior sensitiveness of the blind is, therefore, nothing more than the common and natural sensitiveness of man put to use. The blind have simply learned to make use of this capacity while normal people have not.

TRACTION ENGINE WRECKS BRIDGE

TWO MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FALL FIFTEEN FEET INTO GERMAN CREEK.

Sigourney, April 13.—Homer Jacobs and his assistant, Elmer Langford barely escaped with their lives on Tuesday afternoon when their nine ton traction engine on which they were riding went through a bridge which they were crossing five miles southeast of Sigourney. The bridge is an old structure and crosses German creek on the main traveled road leading southeast from Sigourney. The men were riding in the cab of the engine which was pulling a portable saw mill hitched behind. Both men went down with the engine landing fifteen feet below in the water, the engine upside down. Both men are seriously hurt. Mr. Jacobs has bad cuts and bruises about the head and face and Mr. Langford has one leg badly crippled. The men were brought to town and are now under the care of physicians. Just how serious the injuries will prove has not been determined by the physicians.

ELDON

Rev. Elmer Hunt has resumed his position as pastor of the Christian church on account of his poor health. He intends to move in about a month. Miss Edna Hicks of Oskaloosa is visiting at the C. M. Stanton home this week.

Miss Glen Downing is working as stenographer in Newton.

Earl Moss, brakeman on the evening local was quite seriously injured Wednesday by falling between the cars, getting his arm mashed, his hip hurt and face lacerated.

Philip Russell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Russell, is again quite ill.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church served the Daughters of Rebekah lodge dinner today in the dining room of the Moose hall.

The Eldon merchants were quite up to date in trimming their windows in the pink and green colors of the Rebekah lodge and having appropriate cards of welcome.

The Ladies of the Methodist church on the east side held prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Jno. E. Easton Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Finney and Miss Nora Kettle motored to Ottumwa Wednesday.

BAPTIST CONVENTION OF S. S. APRIL 22-23

Bloomfield, April 14.—The Baptist Sunday school convention will be held Saturday and Sunday April 22-23 in the Pleasant Valley Baptist church. The program follows:

7:30—Devotional by Ira Stufflebeam.

8:00—Subject, "Are Christians Using their Best Influence to Advance the Sunday School?" by John Glosser and J. E. Crist.

8:45—Praise service.

Sunday morning—

9:45—Sunday school conducted by superintendent.

11:00—Sermon by J. S. Ragains.

Sunday afternoon—

2:30—Devotional by A. L. Harshfield.

2:45—Subject "What is the Mission of Life?" by Chas. Hamilton, J. S. Ragains.

3:15—Subject "What is the Aim in Maintaining Sunday Schools, and are They a Part of the Church?" by Jessie Hiseem of Douds-Leandro; Asa Jeither of Troy.

3:45—Subject "Who Should Attend Sunday School; Are Any Exempt?" by W. L. Foster and Fred Leyda.

Sunday evening—

7:30—Praise service by Thomas Smock.

8:00—"What Should be the Proper Text Book, and Who Should Teach?" by P. E. Jones.

All subjects open for free discussion.

SCHOFIELD BURIAL TO BE AT GALESBURG

Fairfield, April 13.—Mrs. Sarah A. Schofield passed away Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob S. McKenney on South Main street after only a few days' illness. Mrs. Schofield was 86 years of age and her death was due to the infirmities of old age. She did not suffer, only grew tired and weary and finally fell asleep. Her death was a great shock to the relatives and their many friends.

Mrs. Schofield's maiden name was Sarah Collins and she was born in Hope, New York, April 24, 1830. She spent the years of her younger life in the east, later coming to Hancock county, Illinois, where the greater part of her life was spent. She also resided for a time with a daughter in Kansas City and for the past fifteen years has lived here with her daughter.

On September 11, 1848, she was united in marriage to Bryant T. Schofield of Carthage, Illinois. He passed to the Great Beyond in 1881. Five children are left to mourn the death of Mrs. Schofield. They are: Mrs. J. S. McKenney of this city; S. W. Schofield of Keokuk; E. B. and R. E. Schofield of Kansas City and Bryant Schofield of Casper, Wyoming.

A short funeral service was held at the McKenney home this morning at 10:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. A. H. Mosser of the First Presbyterian church after which the remains were taken to Carthage, Illinois, where the funeral will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the Episcopal church of which Mrs. Schofield was a member. The interment will be made by the side of her husband.

PLAYING SCHEDULE OF CENTRAL ISSUED

Muscatine, April 14.—The Central association playing schedule for 1916, calling for 130 games for the season was released for publication by President M. E. Justice today. The league opens Wednesday, May 3, and concludes August 30. Mason City opens at Muscatine, Ft. Dodge at Burlington, Marshalltown at Clinton and Waterloo at Cedar Rapids. Each club gets nine Sunday dates and sixty-five home engagements.

PROTEST MADE TO BIRTH OF A NATION

Des Moines, April 13.—A delegation of negroes, headed by George Woodson, attorney from Buxton, and a committee of the Grand Army of the Republic appealed to the city council in a protest against the showing of the "film," "The Birth of a Nation," scheduled for April 30. Mayor Macvicar, at the request of the delegation, excluded all newspaper men from the conference.

WOMAN GOES ALONE TO ENTER PRISON

Ft. Dodge, April 13.—Mrs. Kate Flynn, convicted of running a house of ill fame here, returned to her home Saturday night, packed her grip and left for the Anamosa reformatory to serve a five year sentence, it was learned.

Sheriff Hohn received a telephone call from the warden of the reformatory saying that Mrs. Flynn had applied at the prison for admittance. Commitment was immediately ordered by the sheriff.

MT. PLEASANT BANK KEEPS OFFICERS

OLD BOARD IS REELECTED BY STOCKHOLDERS OF FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK.

Mt. Pleasant, April 14.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Savings bank was held this week. There was a large representation of stockholders and the meeting was enthusiastic and optimistic. The old board of directors was reelected by a unanimous vote and the board in turn promptly reelected the entire list of officials.

The following are the directors: C. F. Applegate, R. S. Galer, H. A. Geese, J. R. Hughes, Elmer Leech, Henry Traut, F. B. Montgomery, H. C. Weir and Adam Weir.

The officers are as follows: President—H. C. Weir. Vice president—H. A. Geese. Cashier—Ross Walker. Assistant cashier—J. W. Murnop.

CHILLICOTHE.

Mrs. J. L. Caldwell of Oakland, Ia., arrived last week to be at the bedside of her mother Mrs. Mary Jenkins who is ill.

Mrs. Jasper Warren and Mrs. John Stump made a trip overland to Mount Pleasant recently visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCarty and family of Stockport visited at the Fred Hull home over Sunday.

Mrs. Conwell of Lovilla, visited last week with G. Jenkins and family.

A number of scholars also one of the teachers Miss Stretcher, are out of school on account of measles.

Mrs. E. P. Oliver who was operated on at St. Joseph's hospital on Saturday, is doing nicely.

M. Goff recently sold to the town council ground for a new highway, changing the wagon road to run straight from top of hill in front of Mr. Goff's residence to the top of cemetery hill.

Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Alfred Gustavson of Ottumwa were visiting the latter's brother A. Peterson and family on Saturday.

An old and highly respected citizen A. J. Penigar passed away at his residence on Tuesday afternoon April 11.

Funeral services from the M. E. church Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Ellen Venator of Hiteman came down on business the first of the week.

O. W. Hasselroth has purchased a new auto truck and delivery.

YOUNG MAN SHARES IN LARGE FORTUNE

FARM HAND AT IDA GROVE WILL GET PART OF \$400,000 ESTATE.

Ida Grove, April 13.—Charles Watkins, a farm hand who has been making Ida county his home for a year or more, left the latter part of last week for Vermillion, O., where he expects to participate in the division of an estate amounting to between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

When Watkins who is now about 28 years of age, was eight years old, and his brother 10, they left home because their father contracted a second marriage and went to New York City to live with an aunt. After her death, Charles Watkins came west, and has been traveling over the western states for more than ten years, not as a "hobo," but going to different sections, remaining several months, earning a goodly wage, and about fourteen months ago he came to Ida Grove and pitched out to one of the big stock feeders and farmers, near this place.

CHANGES IN RURAL ROUTES ARE MADE

NEW ALTERATIONS IN DELIVERY SERVICE WILL BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 16.

Washington, D. C., April 14.—Representative Ramseyer has been advised by the postoffice department that inspectors sent into Davis and Mahaska counties at the request of Mr. Ramseyer have recommended a number of changes to meet complaints and that those changes will be effective April 16.

In Davis county, the department has reestablished route 4 at Floris, and shortened route 3.

Route No. 1 at Drakesville is ordered re